Singleton Libraries Group Meeting Minutes. Wednesday 31st August 2016

Kirkton Public School, Marjorie Maxwell Hosting. 4pm.

Present – Rob Stewart (Singleton Council) Robert Parsons ( St Catherine’s) Martin Gray ( Singleton High) Jenna Hunt ( SHPS) and Marjorie Maxwell.

Agenda

1. TPL: Future Learnes library conference will be held in Sydney Masonic conference and function centre - Monday October 19. Organised by Colleen Foley, head of Libraries for NSW public school. Register soon if interested. <https://www.regodirect.com.au/librariesforfuturelearners2016/>
2. Instagram: – Jenna now has a school library instagram account #librarylookbook . she finds it easy to manage and update.
3. Webstires : Robert (St Cath’s ) would like to develop websites which were easier to and more visually attractive than oliver for web links.
4. Oliver – Stockake : Softlink advises T-Ls not to do a stocktake unless they have had the updated Oliver stocktake module training.
5. Robotics: Rob (Town Library) reported on Robogirls and that he is running a Robotics training day later this year. 12/10/16 noon till 3pm - News to come. He has purchased some robotics kits which will be available at the library.
6. HSC Lock ins: The Town library will once again be hosting lock in study sessions for HSC students. 27/9 – Maths. 4/10 – Science, 11/10 – English, 29/9 – English, 6/10 – Maths. Tutors will be available and students supplied Pizza and coffee.
7. Technology – Byod? : Robert wanted to know how we handled use of devices in our schools, Worried about how to give fair access to students who can’t afford devices, or how teachers deal with students who forget to charge etc.

We spoke of ways in which phones could be used in schools, and the need to differentiate lessons for technology haves and have-nots.

What is the libraries roll in technology? Are we the gatekeepers of technology?

1. General Business: Discussion about better ways to hold group meetings so that more Library staff can attend. Decision was made to rotate the day of the meeting to avoid after school meetings. Term 1 – Mondays, Term 2 – Tuesdays, Term 3 – Wednesdays, and term 4 – Thursdays. In this way it is hoped every Library will have a staff member be able to attend able to attend at least one meeting. It was also decided to keep the first meeting of each year at the town library for consistency and to rotate term 2 and 3 through the other libraries to allow members to see how other libraries work.
2. Thanks to Marjorie for hosting and especially for the home baked goodies.
3. Next Meeting: Week 5 Term 4, Thursday 10th of November 4pm at York St Diggers.
4. Closed at 5:10pm

